

GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

Harley Reabe County Board Chair

PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY IN GREEN LAKE COUNTY REGARDING COVID-19

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus now named Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected and has spread through many countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Wisconsin declared the existence of a public health emergency, as defined in Section 323.02(16), Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors declared the existence of a state of emergency by Resolution #04-2020, and the declaration of emergency expires upon the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order #72; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order #72 and the County's emergency declaration expire on May 12, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the existence of an increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Wisconsin since the public health emergency declaration and the Green Lake County emergency declaration in March 2020, including counties surrounding Green Lake County, and the rising number of deaths from the virus, constitutes a condition within the County posing an imminent threat of a disaster within the meaning of Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes that could impair medical care, health protection, and other critical systems of Green Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Green Lake County requires additional time to facilitate COVID-19 testing, protection of the public and its employees by the continued implementation of safeguards against the spread of COVID-19 and preparing for the gradual return of face-to-face County services, by following guidance from the State, our Health Department and the CDC; and,

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring continuity of critical operations within Green Lake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARLEY REABE, Chairman of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, hereby **PROCLAIM** that a state of emergency now exists within Green Lake County in light of the public health threat posed by COVID-19 for a period of 90 days or until modified by further proclamation or an action of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors.

FURTHER, I, HARLEY REABE, Chairman of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors, proclaim that electronic meetings of the County Board and its committees and commissions may continue for the period of this proclamation or until modified by further proclamation or until modified by an action of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors.

FINALLY, I, HARLEY REABE, Chairman of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors, proclaim that all emergency policies currently in place pursuant to Resolution 04-2020 remain in effect for the period of this proclamation or until modified by further proclamation or until modified by an action of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Harley Reabe, Green Lake County Board Chair, hereby sign this Commendation and affix the seal of Green Lake County on the 12th day of May in the year two thousand and twenty.

HARLEY REABE County Board Chair